



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	4 VAC25-130
Regulation title	Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations
Action title	Revision of permit fees for coal surface mining
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy is revising one section of 4VAC25-130, Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations. The revision to 4VAC25-130-777.17 will increase the permit fee for coal surface mining from \$12.00 to \$26.00 per acre for the total permitted acreage, and the annual anniversary fee from \$6.00 to \$13.00 per acre disturbed. The revision will make the Virginia regulation consistent with the underlying Virginia statute, § 45.1-235, amended in 2003.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On June 25, 2007, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy revised 4VAC25-130, Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This action is anticipated to have no impact on the institution of the family or family stability.